

Minutes
Regular Session
Breckenridge City Commission
March 7, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.
Breckenridge City Offices Commission Chambers
105 North Rose Avenue
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

Those Present: Jimmy McKay, Mayor; Tom Cyprian, Commissioner; Russell Blue, Commissioner; David Wimberley, Commissioner; Rob Durham, Commissioner; Andy McCuiston, City Manager; Diane Latham, Assistant City Secretary; Calvin Chaney, Fire Chief; Stacy Harrison, Public Service Director; Houston Satterwhite, Public Works Director; Genoa Goad; Matt Kempton, Stephens Memorial Hospital; George Perry, Parker Perry, Lee Olson, Patrick Escalon

Those Absent: Heather Robertson-Caraway, City Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** Jimmy McKay, Mayor, at 5:30 pm a quorum was established
2. **Invocation Led By:** Genoa Goad
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Mayor McKay
4. **Appointment of Russell Blue to City Commission Place 1**

Commissioner Wimberley made a motion, seconded by Mayor McKay, to approve the appointment of Russell Blue to City Commission Place 1. When the motion was put to vote, it prevailed as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cyprian, Wimberley, Durham. Nays: None. Absent: None.

5. **Assistant City Secretary to Give Oath of Office & Statement of Officer to Russell Blue**

Assistant City Secretary Latham swears in Russell Blue for City Commission Place 1.

6. **Consider approval of minutes of the February 7, 2017 City Commission Meetings**

Commissioner Cyprian made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Durham, for approval of minutes of the February 7, 2017 City Commission Meeting. When the motion was put to vote, it prevailed as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cyprian, Wimberley, Durham, Blue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

7. **Citizens Presentations:**

George Perry on behalf of a group of citizens to rename the High School Field to Dee Escalon who has served 40 years and was instrumental in getting the high school program started here in Breckenridge. Patrick Escalon (son of Dee Escalon) started coaching in 1974, served as league president for a 4 year term, served as umpire chief for an 8 year term through little league. His main goal was to get the kids in Breckenridge somewhere to play high school ball; because we didn't have it until 1989. He petitioned the board for about 3 years before they approved it, due to cost. My dad headed up the initiative to do what had to be done to get a field and funding for

the program. Lee Olson contributed so much to the little league program and is much respected and left a legacy that has persevered over the years. When or if the fields are individually named, then Dee Escalon's name would need to be on Field 1.

Mayor McKay stated that the Parks Advisory Board discussed this issue last week. I would have to agree that Dee Escalon is deserving. The problem is better signage and others don't want to take away from the complexes existing name (Joe Knight/Boyce Strong Complex) and then there are many other deserving people; eventually you run out of fields to name. It was then discussed of doing some sort of memorial marker in a central area where all deserving people could be listed. To this day I never knew why the complex was named after those people and how that got there; and that to me is a story that I think needs to be told at the opening of little league. That was a tragedy.

Patrick Escalon stated the current sign needs to be replaced and is actually been taken down and is in the process of being worked on.

Commissioner Durham states that no one is trying to take away from the name of the complex but to add to and honor Dee Escalon. Anyone objecting to it needs to understand the original legacy and this being an addition to that legacy.

Mayor McKay, George if you will get with Andy and find out what process needs to take place.

City Manager McCuiston, the original story and possibly why he (Rick Strong) feels so strongly about it; there were two boys in trouble in the water and one of those was Rick Strong.

Commissioner Cyprian states that Dee Escalon was a man of integrity and I agree with all of you that he is deserving of this honor.

Mayor McKay nobody wants to take anything away from the Complex name (Joe Knight/Boyce Strong Complex)

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COMMISSION AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH ONE MOTION, THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF ITEMS UNLESS A COMMISSION MEMBER OR CITIZEN SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE.

- 8. Request to approve Departmental Reports**
- 9. Request to approve Frontier Days**
- 10. Request to approve appointment of members to the Electrical Board**
- 11. Request to approve The Stephens County Child Welfare Board request to tie blue ribbons on both sides of Main Street in observance of April being Child Abuse Awareness month**

12. Request to approve the 2014-2015 Breckenridge Economic Development Corporation Audit

13. Request to approve City Wide Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Caddo VFD

Commissioner Wimberley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cyprian, to approve the Consent Agenda. When the motion was put to vote, it prevailed as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cyprian, Wimberley, Durham, Blue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

14. Request to approve Ordinance 17-06 to Amend Ordinances 17-03, 17-04 & 17-05 Providing for the Alternate Judge for the Election

Assistant City Secretary Latham, Leslie Gomez has moved outside of the city limits and they must live within city limits to work the election.

Commissioner Durham made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wimberley, to approve Ordinance 17-06 to Amend Ordinances 17-03, 17-04 & 17-05 providing for the Alternate Judge for the Election. When the motion was put to vote, it prevailed as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cyprian, Wimberley, Durham, Blue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

15. Request to approve Stephens Memorial Hospital EMS Contract

Matt Kempton in September the current EMS – Heart of Texas has sent a notice that they will terminate the contract or double the subsidy. We have researched 5 companies and received 2 proposals from those 5. The company we have gone with is Sacred Heart. Matt continues to discuss the contract with Sacred Heart. The subsidy to be split between the Hospital District, Stephens County and the City will be \$150,000.00 (\$50,000.00 each). At the end of the year there will be a true up payment. How true up payment works is let's say they send out \$200,000.00 a year in private pay billings. \$200,000 minus the subsidy of \$150,000 equals \$50,000 and of the billings sent out they have collected \$10,000 that leaves a \$40,000 short fall that would be split between the Hospital District, Stephens County and the City. The true up is capped at \$215,000.00; so, the highest the true up could be is \$65,000.00. We feel that it is fair and this is what we are proposing for EMS service. We are guaranteed to have 2 ambulances with a 3rd and 4th available if or when needed. We are heavily involved with the transition process between the EMS Service providers.

Commissioner Wimberley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cyprian, to approve the Stephens Memorial Hospital EMS Contract. When the motion was put to vote, it prevailed as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cyprian, Wimberley, Durham, Blue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

16. Request to approve Walker Sayle water rates

City Manager McCuiston stated that Warden Bowers came to see him the other day with documentation from Austin; wanting to know why we were so high compared to all the other cities servicing other TDCJ Units. If you look at the schedule he provided, we are sitting at \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons the closest one is \$6.20. When we were in the severe drought we raised rates

to discourage consumption. We raised the TDCJ from \$8.60 to \$10.00. Now that we are no longer in the drought I am recommending that we lower the TDCJ rate back to \$8.60. Mayor McKay are our rates that high because it costs us that much to get it to them? City Manager McCuiston, the rates were high when I got here and I would have to assume that the cost to get water out there to them was a factor.

Commissioner Durham made a motion, seconded by Mayor McKay, to approve Walker Sayle water rates. When the motion was put to vote, it prevailed as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cyprian, Wimberley, Durham, Blue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

17. Request to approve first reading of Resolution for BEDC to fund the City Park Walking Trail Extension Project

City Manager McCuiston explains the situation regarding the Walking Trail and not being ADA compliant; due to the 45° hill only having a stairway and didn't accommodate the handicap. The requirements with the Texas Parks and Wildlife requirements stated that there would be exceptions for extraordinary topographical issues. Last week 2 individuals from Texas Parks and Wildlife came to inspect the trail. Stacy (Public Services Director Harrison) and I met with them and went over our plan to tie in and accommodate for ADA compliance. The BEDC has agreed to pay the additional costs for the extension. The BEDC will require 2 readings so it will be on next month's agenda as well.

Mayor McKay made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cyprian, to approve the first reading of Resolution for BEDC to fund the City Park Walking Trail Extension Project. When the motion was put to vote, it prevailed as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cyprian, Wimberley, Durham, Blue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

18. Request to consider issues related to Vactor and possible purchase of sewer equipment

Public Works Director Satterwhite, explains the issues with the Vactor and repairs will not be cheap. We have 2 estimates, 1st is repairing with the transfer case = \$83,788 and the 2nd is repairing without the transfer case = \$47,855. Another option being the purchase of a trailer and a vacuum with something to pull them. I would recommend fixing the Vactor at the \$47,855. City Manager McCuiston states that this can be funded out of the equipment replacement fund and hope to get another 5 years out of it. Commissioners discuss options and costs. City Manager McCuiston states that a new one is \$250,000. We would like to have a back-up if we can come across a used one at a good price.

Commissioner Wimberley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cyprian, to approve the Vactor repair estimate of \$47,855. When the motion was put to vote, it prevailed as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cyprian, Wimberley, Durham, Blue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

19. City Manager Reports

a. Brush Chipping/City Wide Cleanup

Fire Chief Chaney cleanup will be Friday, April 7th will do the North side of Walker Street and Friday, April 21st will be the South side of Walker Street. This is the brush chipping

and we have good results doing this every year. The County does help us with the cleanup.

Fire Chief Chaney in regard to the emails on the individual on South Graham and cleanup, he has started hauling trailer loads of stuff off.

b. Public Works Issues

Public Works Director Satterwhite explains things haven't been addressed as time has gone on. We have 5 lift stations, one has 2 functioning pumps. Continues to describe pictures provided and issues needing repair and maintenance at the different Lift Stations. Commissioner Wimberley asks about the cost? Lift station 1 so far will be \$34000. Public Works Director proceeds with describing the maintenance and repair issues of other lift stations. Mayor McKay states glad you are on board Houston and know you will handle the maintenance issues and that we are looking at some unexpected costs.

Public Works Director Satterwhite and City Manager McCuistion explain the annual Water Treatment Plant Inspection issue is an adequate operational generator. Commission discusses ensues in regard to the existing nonoperational generator and what is needed.

Mayor McKay states Houston again glad you are here and can see the difference and impact you have made in your time here as far as the activity on the streets.

City Manager McCuistion states he has a better team now and they have already started the paving over on Miller Street.

c. Update on Capital Improvement Projects

City Manager McCuistion goes over an updated project list from the engineers. The paving projects are started and should be in about the middle of June. The DWSRF (Water Treatment Plant project) that has been ongoing should be complete at the end of April and should be able to start pumping water from Lake Daniels. The next one is the CWSRF (Wastewater Treatment Plant project) have rejected bids twice now. Engineers are looking for someone to handle that project are estimating for it to start the first of June and continue through August 2018. The Parks Street project construction should start in June. The prison elevated storage tank should start the first of May and go through October. The 180 East Relocation project construction is underway and should finish March 2018. The 183 South project should start around the first of July and go through December 2018. Lasts a lot longer than I had anticipated since we are not replacing water lines and just casing some of the sewer lines. I have asked them to accelerate the 183 North project due to the old waterlines from the 1920's. We took out a valve the other day that had 1928 on it. Also, the bank is getting water in the basement and plan A was to drill holes around the bank and still have not got any water coming up. So, we still don't know where that water is coming from and going into the bank. The 183 North project will replace the one line we know has been giving us problems. The design should finish the end of September and start the first of October and complete by the end of May 2018.

Mayor McKay states well between now and December we should have a lot of activity everywhere.

20. Items from the City Commission not requiring formal action

Fire Chief Chaney states that the Resource Care state project will let the bids Friday and then construction will start soon. Several other projects that permits have been pulled – the church, the Anchor building - donut shop on east side, M5 will be relocation of the Shirt Shop and a Hair Salon, and a traveling church.

City Manager McCuiston states this month is the start of the animal section of Trade Days and there will be a farm implement section.

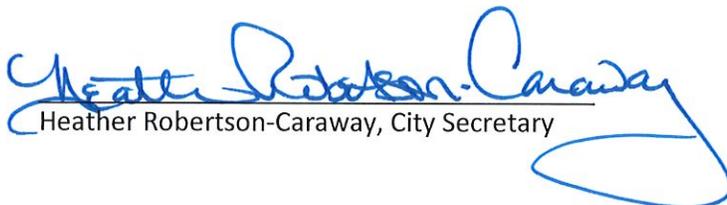
City Manager McCuiston goes over the progress of the Skate Board Park – pad built and the equipment coming.

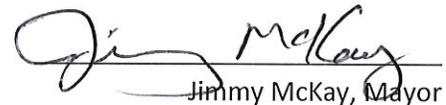
21. Adjourn

Commissioner Wimberley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cyprian, to adjourn the meeting. When the motion was put to vote, it prevailed as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cyprian, Wimberley, Durham, Blue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

ATTEST


Heather Robertson-Caraway, City Secretary


Jimmy McKay, Mayor

